

### Abstract

The invention concerns an external programming device for an implant comprising a transmitting and receiving unit for receiving data on the part of the implant, and transmitting data to the implant, and a display with a display control unit which are connected to the transmitting and receiving unit. The external programming device is made up in a modular fashion from at least one autonomous hand device and at least one base device in such a way that the hand device includes the transmitting and receiving unit and as well as the display and the display control unit and a mains-independent chargeable power supply and a power supply interface and a data interface. The base device includes a second power supply interface compatible with the power supply interface of the hand device and a second data interface compatible with the data interface of the hand device, in such a way that the hand device can be selectively electrically and mechanically coupled to the base device or separated from the base device and used autonomously.